

STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY  
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS  
NEW JERSEY STATE  
BOARD OF NURSING

IN THE MATTER OF THE  
LICENSE OF

ANA HODE, R.N.  
License # NR 06957600

TO PRACTICE NURSING IN THE  
STATE OF NEW JERSEY

Administrative Action

FINAL ORDER  
OF DISCIPLINE

This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Nursing ("the Board") upon receipt of information which the Board has reviewed and on which the following findings of fact and conclusions of law are made:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Respondent is a registered professional nurse in the State of New Jersey, and has been a licensee at all times relevant hereto.

2. On or about March 10, 2013, a letter of inquiry issued from the Board, asking, among other things, that respondent provide documentation, in the form of certificates of completion, for all continuing education completed in satisfaction of requirements for the June 1, 2010-May 31, 2012 renewal period.

3. Respondent provided documentation of completion of a total of nine contact hours of nursing continuing education completed during the June 1, 2010-May 31, 2012 renewal period, although she supplied certificates of completion of 3.3 contact hours of continuing education completed in 2012 and 2014, three credits of a nursing

course completed in the summer of 2012, constituting the equivalent of 15 contact hours of continuing education pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:37-5.3, and three credits of a nursing course completed in the spring of 2013, constituting the equivalent of 15 contact hours of continuing education.

4. On her 2012 renewal application, respondent indicated that she would have completed all required continuing education for the 2011-2013 renewal application by May 31, 2013.

#### CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. Respondent's failure to furnish documentation of timely completion of thirty contact hours of nursing continuing education for the June 1, 2010-May 31, 2012 renewal period constitutes a violation of N.J.A.C. 13:37-5.3.

2. Respondent's indication on her 2012 renewal application that she would timely complete all required continuing education for the 2010-2012 renewal period by May 31, 2012 constitutes misrepresentation in violation of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(b).

Based on the foregoing findings and conclusions, a Provisional Order of Discipline was entered on June 12, 2014, provisionally imposing a reprimand and a civil penalty in the amount of \$250. A copy of the Order was served upon respondent by certified and regular mail at her address of record. The Provisional Order was subject to finalization by the Board at 5:00 p.m. on the 30<sup>th</sup> business day following entry unless respondent requested a modification or dismissal of the stated Findings of Fact or Conclusions of Law by submitting a written request for modification or dismissal setting forth in writing any and all reasons why said findings and conclusions should be modified or dismissed and

submitting any and all documents or other written evidence supporting respondent's request for consideration and reasons therefor.

The record reflects that the certified mailing of the Provisional Order was signed for. The regular mailing was not returned. No response has been received to date. The Board considered this matter and determined that service had been effected, as the mailings had been sent to respondent's address of record. The Board further determined that as no discrepancies had been raised with respect to the findings and conclusions of the Provisional Order, additional proceedings were not necessary, and the Provisional Order should be made final.

ACCORDINGLY, IT IS on this *13<sup>th</sup>* day of *September*, 2014,

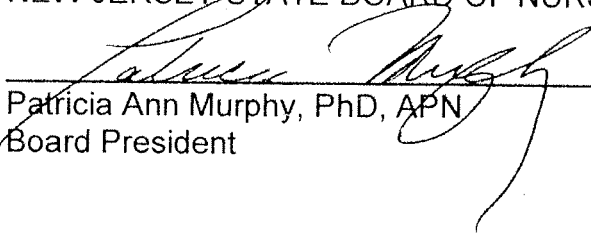
ORDERED that:

1. A reprimand is hereby imposed for respondent's violation of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(b).
2. A \$250 civil penalty is hereby imposed for the violation of N.J.A.C. 13:37-5.3. Payment shall be in the form of a certified check or money order, made payable to the State of New Jersey, which shall be sent to the attention of George Hebert, Executive Director, Board of Nursing, P.O. Box 45010, 124 Halsey Street, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, Newark, NJ 07101 within 21 days of the filing of this order.
3. Respondent may not apply the nursing courses from 2012, including the course from Monmouth University in the summer of 2012 in order to satisfy her 2012-2014 continuing education obligation, and may only apply ten hours (two credits) of the

nursing course from Monmouth University completed in the spring of 2013, to satisfy that obligation.

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF NURSING

By:

  
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Patricia Ann Murphy, PhD, APN  
Board President